

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Q<sup>14</sup> An apparatus and method for controlling [[copy]] copying of a video signal [[is]]  
are provided for detecting a copy preventing signal, and for stopping recording and  
informing the user that a video signal to be recorded is protected against copying when a  
video signal having a copy-preventing signal is detected. In the apparatus and method, a  
[[copy]] copying (or recording) mode is stopped, and the user is informed that a recording  
medium to be copied is protected [[agaist]] against illegal copying when a copy-  
preventing signal is detected from a video signal reproduced from the recording medium  
to be copied, thereby allowing the user to quickly recognize that the recording medium to  
be copied includes a copy-preventing signal before completing the [[copy]] copying. In  
addition, when the apparatus and method are applied to a dual deck VCR, FM [[copy]]  
copying can be controlled depending on whether a macrovision signal exists on the basis  
of the beginning date on which the aggressive protection of copyright becomes effective.